year 1996-97. NABARD also proposes to sanction credit limits of the order of Rs. 7700 crores to cooperative banks and Regional Rural Banks for their short term operations (both for Seasonal Agricultural Operations and other purposes) as against limits of Rs. 6992 crores sanctioned during 1996-97. As far as RIDF is concerned, it is expected that NABARD will sanction loans to State Governments to the full extent for rural infrastructure projects under RIDF-III which has a corpus of Rs. 2500 crores. The State/Union Territory-wise details of allocations of refinance under Investment credit (Schematic Lending) and Short term credit (Seasonal Agricultural Operations) have already been firmed up by NABARD and are indicated at *Annexure. [See* Appendix 180, Annexure No. 89]. The Committee disbursements under RIDF-I & II together with normative allocations under RIDF-III, State-wise are also furnished in the same annexure.

As reported by NABARD, 64 projects located in 15 districts in Maharashtra have been provided refinance support amounting to approximately Rs. 13 crores under its Investment Credit operations during the period December, 1996 March, 1997. Further, during this period, 108 projects have also been sanctioned under RIDF in 17 districts of the State, involving a total loan of Rs. 231. 66 crores. NABARD has further reported that 38 projects in the State are awaiting clearance under Investment Credit (Schematic Lending) involving a refinance amount of Rs. 38.17 crores. Under RIDF-III a normative allocation of Rs. 192.45 crores has been made in favour of the State. The proposals in this regard are being firmed up.

Record Power Generation at Narora Atomic Power Station

*564. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Narora Atomic Power Station has produced record power during January and February, 1997;

(b) whether the load factors were as high as 103.5% in January, 1997; and

(c) if so, what were the reasons for this phenomenal success?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The load factor for Unit-1 of Narora Atomic Power Station was 103.5% and that for Unit-2 was 101.2% in the month of January, 1997.

(c) Concerted efforts have been made to improve the performance and reliability of the operating nuclear power plants and as a result the performance has improved over the past two years.The measures taken to improve performance of nuclear power plants include modifications carried out on the turbo generators supplied by BHEL, strengthening of condition monitoring and preventive and predictive maintenance, improving outage management, intensive training for maintenance and operating staff, effective co-ordination with Regional Electricity Board to improve frequency control of the grid and centralisation of decision making to enable prompt action at the operating stations. These efforts have enabled Narora Atomic Power Station to operate at maximum efficiency.

मध्य प्रदेश में छोटे एवं मध्यम दर्जे के कस्बों के एकीकृत विकास कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत उपलब्धियां

566. **श्री दलीप सिंह जूदेव:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या छठी पंचवर्षीय योजना में मध्य प्रदेश के प्रत्येक जिले में शुरू किया गया छोटे तथा मध्यम दर्जे के कस्बों का एकीकृत विकास कार्यक्रम अभी भी चल रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत शामिल किए गए कस्बों की जिला-वार संख्या कितनी है;